

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 31, 1956

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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On 8/27/56, Clinton, Tennessee, High School was scheduled to open on integrated basis as result of ruling of Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor, Knoxville. John Kasper, executive secretary, captioned organization, arrived in Clinton 8/26/56, and began agitating against integration. On 8/29/56, Judge Taylor issued restraining order against Kasper who ignored this order. As result, on same date Judge Taylor issued attachment for Kasper. Kasper was placed in custody of U. S. Marshal and was jailed in default of \$10,000 bail.

Knoxville teletype 8/30/56, advised hearing on contempt charge scheduled for 8/31/56. U. S. Attorney John C. Crawford, Knoxville, requested information relative to Kasper's participation in cross burnings in Washington, D. C., be furnished him for cross-examination purposes. Pertinent reports containing information desired by U. S. Attorney forwarded to Knoxville by Washington Field Office on the night of 8/30/56.

At 9:15 a.m., 8/31/56, I called Assistant SAC Anderson at Knoxville and told him to advise the U. S. Attorney that it would be most desirable for him to check with the Department before publicly using the information in the reports furnished to him inasmuch as the Department is planning Grand Jury action concerning Kasper, et al, on 9/11/56, in Washington, D. C.

ACTION:

For your information.

cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Williams

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-33226)

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[redacted] (PSI, protect identity), advised SA JAMES H. DOWNING on evening of 8/29/56 he had just been in contact with [redacted] partner of JOHN KASPER in the management of the Cadmus Bookshop, WDC. [redacted] advised [redacted] that KASPER returning to WDC from Clinton, Tennessee, and Alabama this week end. She did not know exact time but [redacted] of opinion he would arrive Friday evening 8/31/56 or early Saturday AM 9/1/56. [redacted] said ASA E. (ACE) CARTER, Executive Secretary, Alabama Citizens Council returning with KASPER for WCC meetings in D. C. area over Labor Day week end. [redacted] mentioned she had had some WCC literature printed and wanted [redacted] to assist in its distribution prior to arrival of KASPER and CARTER in effort to get additional people to attend WCC meetings over week-end. She commented literature distribution would be in WDC and Alexandria, Virginia, areas. [redacted] not certain whether distribution will begin evenings of August 30, 1956, or August 31, 1956.

[redacted] was of the opinion that WCC meeting would probably be held over week-end at American Legion Hall, 3201 Nicholas Ave. S. E., WDC.

UACB PSI [redacted] will join WCC group in distribution of literature but will be advised to [redacted]

WFO will follow and advise of plans of KASPER and CARTER upon their arrival in WDC. "The Washington Post and Times Herald" issue of 8/30/56, carried an article which stated that D. J. BRITTAIN JR., Principal, Clinton High School, Clinton, Tennessee, claimed he had "rejected an ultimatum" that he oust the Negroes or resign.

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"Brittain said the ultimatum was issued to him by JOHN KASPER, Washington, D. C., segregation leader and his followers in a brief conference in the school grounds.

"KASPER and followers issued an ultimatum to me to get the Negroes out of school or quit my job', the principal said. 'I told KASPER I would not be intimidated or scared out of my job.'

"KASPER, 26, was freed yesterday in trial Justice Court of charges of trying to incite a riot.

"United Press said U. S. District Judge ROBERT L. TAYLOR in Knoxville issued a temporary injunction tonight against KASPER and several others White Supremacy demonstrators."

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PAREN INTEGRATION,

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL PAREN IS - X. TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER
PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED SERVED ON JOHN KASPER AT EIGHT PM LAST NIGHT.
IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER KASPER ADDRESSED APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND
PERSONS FOR ONE, ONE HALF HOURS FROM COURT HOUSE STEPS, CLINTON.
KASPER BERATED ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ALL JUDICIAL BODIES,
CALLED ON ASSEMBLED PERSONS TO CONTINUE MAKING PLACARDS, AND PICKETING
AND TO DEMONSTRATE AT THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT IN KNOXVILLE AT ONE PM
THIS DATE TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT THE PEOPLE ARE BIGGER THAN THE SUPREME
COURT. CROWD REACTIONS INDICATE ABOUT FIFTY PERCENT SYMPATHETIC WITH
HIM. ABOVE INFORMATION RELAYED DIST. JUDGE TAYLOR BY USM, JUDGE
INDICATED WOULD ISSUE CONTEMPT CITATION HOWEVER IN CONFERENCE WITH
ANDERSON COUNTY ATTORNEYS AND USA ENDING TWO AM THIS DATE JUDGE
DECIDED TO WITHHOLD ACTION UNTIL ONE PM THIS DATE. CROWD DISPERSED
CLINTON AROUND ELEVEN PM LAST NIGHT. NO ADDITIONAL VIOLENCE OR ARRESTS
OCCURRED. ARRESTS YESTERDAY WERE - ONE NEGRO TAKEN INTO PROTECTIVE
CUSTODY, ONE NEGRO CHARGED WITH CARRYING A KNIFE, ONE NEGRO, ONE WHITE

EACH CHARGED WITH CREATING A DISTURBANCE.

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Mr. Belmont

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IT IS REITERATED THAT JUDGE TAYLOR MUST BE KEPT ADVISED PROMPTLY CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTEMPT TO REPLACE JOHN KASPER OR OTHERWISE FOMENT RACIAL DISTURBANCES IN CLINTON. WHERE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE SUCH INDIVIDUALS CHECK WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICES. ALSO KEEP BU ADVISED PROMPTLY ON CONTINUING BASIS.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Director noted on memo from Mr. Sizoo to Mr. Belmont captioned "White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia" dated 8/31/56 "See that we keep Judge advised."

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PAREN INTEGRATION,

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL PAREN IS - K. SHERIFF JOE K. OWENS, ANDERSON COUNTY, CLINTON, TENN., ADVISED TODAY THAT BEGINNING AT ABOUT EIGHT AM, TENSION BEGAN MOUNTING BETWEEN WHITE AND COLORED STUDENTS AT CLINTON SCHOOL UNTIL ABOUT NOON WHEN A GROUP OF SEVERAL HUNDRED WHITE PEOPLE, APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PERCENT OF WHOM WERE ADULTS, CAUGHT SEVERAL NEGRO STUDENTS IN STREET AND STARTED BEATING THEM WITH STICKS. HE ADVISED THAT DEPUTY SHERIFFS RESCUED THEM AND ESCORTED NEGRO STUDENTS TO THEIR HOMES.

OWENS ADVISED THAT ONE WHITE MAN AND ONE NEGRO STUDENT ARRESTED AND PLACED IN CLINTON CITY JAIL FOR FIGHTING. OWENS ADVISED THAT JOHN KASPER, MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY IN AIRTELS, IS APPARENTLY INCITING CROWD TO VIOLENCE.

OWEN STATES THAT HE DOUBTS THE NEGRO STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL TOMORROW, BUT EXPECTS CONTINUED VIOLENCE IN SUCH EVENT. USA, JOHN C.

CRAWFORD, JR., KNOXVILLE, ADVISED AT SIX ZERO FIVE PM TODAY. FEDERAL JUDGE ROBERT L. TAYLOR ISSUED RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST JOHN KASPER AND

OTHERS, FORBIDDING THEM TO PICKET OR OTHERWISE INTERFERE WITH THE ORDER OF FEDERAL COURT, KNOXVILLE, INSTRUCTING INTEGRATION OF COLORED

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Mr. Belmont

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STUDENTS AT CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL. ORDER CITED KASPER AND OTHERS NAMED TO APPEAR BEFORE JUDGE TAYLOR, ONE PM, AUG. THIRTY, TO SHOW CAUSE WHY INJUNCTION SHOULD NOT ISSUE. SITUATION CLINTON EXTREMELY CONFUSED. CONTINUING EFFORTS MADE TO SECURE ALL PERTINENT FACTS AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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CC: MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

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Date: August 30, 1956
To: 100-493395-106
Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RACIAL SITUATION
CLINTON, TENNESSEE

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On August 27, 1956, the Clinton, Tennessee, High School admitted, for the first time, twelve Negro students. This action was taken as a result of a ruling in January, 1956, by Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor who ordered the school integrated.

On August 28, 1956, John Kasper, executive secretary of the White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia, appeared in Clinton and distributed circulars advocating a boycott of the high school. Kasper also prepared placards and attempted to organize a group of students to picket the high school if it admitted Negroes.

On the same date Kasper was arrested by the Clinton Police Department on a warrant charging him with "inciting to riot." He was detained in the Clinton jail under \$5,000 bond until August 28, 1956, when he was released for lack of proof that he attempted to use violent methods to stop the admission of twelve Negroes to the Clinton High School.

cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins (sent by Form 0-6, same date)

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ~~BASEN~~ (INTEGRATION, CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL) ~~BASEN~~ IS - X. REMYTEL TODAY. CURRENT INFO INDICATES SHERIFF OWENS, ANDERSON COUNTY, CLINTON, TENN., AND DEPUTIES, ESCORTED ALL NEGRO STUDENTS OUT OF CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL APPROXIMATELY TWO PM IN VIEW MOUNTING TENSION AND INCREASING CROWD IN AREA. JOHN KASPER WAS SERVED RESTRAINING ORDER, MENTIONED MY PREVIOUS TEL, BUT CONTINUED ACITATION AND EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE LOCAL COUNCIL. AT ELEVEN PM TODAY, U.S. MARSHAL FRANK QUARLES AND DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL AT HOME OF FEDERAL JUDGE ROBERT L. TAYLOR, WHO IS SIGNING ATTACHMENT FOR BODY OF JOHN KASPER, FOLLOWING WHICH THEY WILL GO TO CLINTON AND ATTEMPT LOCATE AND ARREST KASPER UNDER THIS ATTACHMENT. ACCORDING TO LATEST INFO, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE MILLING AROUND CLINTON. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT CURRENTLY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 5, 1956

Director, FBI

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OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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On August 29, 1956, Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor, Knoxville, Tennessee, issued a restraining order against John Kasper and others forbidding them to picket or otherwise interfere with the order of the Federal court in Knoxville instructing integration of Negro students at the Clinton High School. Kasper was served this restraining order but continued to agitate in an effort to organize a local citizens council in Clinton.

On August 30, 1956, Kasper appeared at the United States District Court in Knoxville and was taken into custody by the United States Marshal. After a hearing before Judge Taylor, Kasper was sentenced on August 31, 1956, to one year in prison for "willful contempt."

On August 31, 1956, Judge Taylor requested the Knoxville Office of this Bureau to obtain the identities of out-of-town individuals who might come into Clinton for the purpose of stirring up trouble in violation of an outstanding injunction issued by Judge Taylor. Judge Taylor requested that this Bureau also furnish the information concerning such individuals to the United States Marshal, whereupon there would be issued by Judge Taylor an order requiring the presence of such persons in his court.

Subsequent to this request information was received that Asa Carter, executive secretary, Alabama Citizens' Councils, was going to Clinton on the evening

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Copy of this memorandum being furnished AAG Tompkins inasmuch as Internal Security Division of Department has primary interest in citizens councils movement.

See memo Belmont to Boardman dated 9/5/56,
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Memorandum to The Attorney General

of August 31, 1956, "to fill the shoes" of Kasper "despite court orders." This information was furnished Judge Taylor and the United States Marshal.

Pursuant to Judge Taylor's request, this Bureau will advise him and the United States Marshal of any such information received in this regard.

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

cc - Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: August 31, 1956

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO

Mr. Belmont

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In a teletype to the Bureau dated August 31, 1956, the Knoxville Office advised that in connection with this matter Federal District Judge Robert L. Taylor had requested the Knoxville Office to obtain the identities of individuals who might be observed urging violations of an outstanding injunction in this case and to thereafter furnish that information to the U.S. Marshal, whereupon the Judge would issue an order requiring the presence of such persons in his court.

As background information, Judge Taylor some time ago issued a ruling to the effect that integration should take place in the Clinton, Tennessee, High School at the beginning of the Fall term, 1956. There has been considerable protest against the Judge's ruling by citizens of Clinton and the Judge issued an injunction restraining anyone from preventing integration in the Clinton High School. In this connection, John Kasper, head of the White Citizens' Councils of the District of Columbia, was arrested in Clinton on August 29, 1956, for urging and inciting the citizens of Clinton to take steps to violate the injunction.

Inasmuch as the reference teletype did not make clear just what the Judge had requested of our Knoxville Office nor the action our office planned to take, I called SAC Alden, Knoxville, on the afternoon of August 31, 1956. I asked Alden specifically what the Judge had requested us to do and what action the Knoxville Office planned to take, if any, to comply with the Judge's request. I asked Alden whether he planned to surveil groups which were against integration to determine whether they were urging others to violate the court's injunction. I pointed out to him that such action would require the presence of Agents at meetings which might be highly explosive in nature. SAC Alden stated that he had conferred with the Judge subsequent to the time the reference teletype was sent to the Bureau and that the Judge's request to the Knoxville Office is only for information concerning out-of-town individuals who are known to the Bureau who may come into Clinton for the purpose of stirring up trouble. Mr. Alden stated he did not plan to conduct any surveillance or to have Agents present at meetings where riots were likely to develop and that the only action required by the Judge was for us to furnish the court with any information which came to our attention.

JAS:td Tel to Knoxville

Memo Belmont to Boardman

Let to AG

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Mr. Sizoo - Mr. Belmont -
WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF D.C.

regarding individuals who came into Clinton for the expressed purpose of stirring up trouble.

ACTION:

Mr. Alden stated that he was sending a teletype to the Bureau today which will furnish details regarding the Judge's request and the action which the Knoxville Office plans to take.

ADDENDUM

(7 P.M. - 8/31)

Subsequent to the above call, an additional teletype has been received from Knoxville. SAC Alden advises that Judge Taylor sentenced Kasper today to one year in custody of the Attorney General and the hearings on motion for bond pending appeal is set for September 4. Kasper to remain in custody in the meantime. He advises that unless instructed otherwise, Knoxville will continue to follow and keep the Bureau currently apprised of developments, but will enter into no surveillances or investigations calculated to produce anything of evidentiary nature, but will, however, ascertain identity and background of persons coming from other states to replace Kasper as leader of group opposing integration at Clinton and will furnish such information informally to Judge Taylor. In this connection, it should be noted that information has been received that Asa (Ace) Carter, white citizens group leader from Birmingham, is going to Knoxville tonight to make a speech to replace Kasper in attempts to prevent integration at Clinton. We have instructed Birmingham to furnish summary of information available concerning Carter to Knoxville and authorized Knoxville to make such information informally available to Judge Taylor. This is the type of information Alden contemplates making available to Judge Taylor, and this is believed to be a proper dissemination of information to an interested government official.

J. A. Sizoo

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1. See that we keep Judge advised.
 2. Send memo to A. G. i
Rogers & Olney. H. J. i

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. IS - X. AT ONE

PM YESTERDAY KASPER APPEARED USDC, KX, WAS TAKEN INTO FEDERAL CUSTODY BY USM. HEARING ON INJUNCTION PROCEEDED UNTIL FOUR THIRTY PM WHEN IT WAS CONTINUED UNTIL NINE THIRTY AM THIS DATE. KASPER HELD KNOX COUNTY JAIL LAST NIGHT IN LIEU TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND. BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE KASPER FURNISHED USA THIS AM. USA ADVISED HEARING WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY HEARING ON CONTEMPT CITATION. KASPER REPRESENTED BY BEN SIMMONS. LAST NIGHT APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS ASSEMBLED AT COURTHOUSE, CLINTON, FROM EIGHT TO TEN PM. LACK OF LEADERSHIP WAS EVIDENT. NUMEROUS SHORT TALKS MADE BY LOCAL RESIDENTS, BY ONE MAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE FROM GA. AND ONE WHO CLAIMED TO BE FROM ALA. TALKS INVARIABLY URGED CROWD TO PRAISE THE LORD, FREE OUR LEADER, DAMN THE ~~QUOTE~~ "NIGGER ~~UNQUOTE~~, WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO RUN OUR COMMUNITY AND SCHOOLS AS WE WANT. NO ADDITIONAL VIOLENCE OR NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS OCCURED. THIS AM DISTRICT JUDGE ROBERT L. TAYLOR REQUESTED KNOXVILLE OFFICE OBTAIN IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE OBSERVED URGING VIOLATION OF INJUNCTION, TO ADVISE USM AFTER WHICH HE WOULD ISSUE ORDER REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF THESE PERSONS IN COURT.

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MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR
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Mr. Williams

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Date: 9/7/56

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL
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No disturbances, violence nor large gatherings reported in Clinton or Oliver Springs area since my airtel dated 9/5/56.

A large portion of the 600 man National Guard Unit which originally arrived in Clinton has returned to its headquarters. Road blocks, regular patrols and the handling of traffic by the National Guard has been discontinued.

The Clinton City Council has imposed a curfew prohibiting persons under 21 years of age from being on the streets of Clinton after 7 PM except for certain specific reasons.

On 9/6/56 U.S. District Judge ROBERT L. TAYLOR ruled that he would accept bond of \$10,000 pending JOHN KASPER'S appeal. U. S. District Court Clerk advised today that a Mr. and Mrs. CLYDE COOK, Route 1, Clinton, have appeared in his office as signers for KASPER'S bond and that he understands that the additional signer which the bond requires will arrive in his office prior to 5 PM this date. The clerk advised that unless KASPER makes bond by 5 PM that he will not have an opportunity to make bond until 9/10/56.

The feeling exists in Clinton that unless there is an additional disturbance between now and 9/10/56, all units of the National Guard will be removed from that city.

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Mr. Belmont

cc: Mr. Williams

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Special Agent in Charge

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White Citizens Councils or Citizens Councils

cc Mr. Williams

September 21, 1956

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SAC, New York

WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, IS - X. Re Newark letter dated September 12, 1956, captioned "John Kasper, Racial Situation - Clinton, Tennessee, SM - Miscellaneous, Information Concerning."

New York is instructed to conduct thorough background investigation of Kasper for the purpose of determining if he has ever been affiliated with the Communist Party or communist front organizations as indicated in relet. A report containing complete background data on Kasper should be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than October 1, 1956. This deadline must be met without fail.

Washington Field Office is instructed to submit a report on the captioned organization bringing its activities up to date to reach the Bureau no later than October 1, 1956. Likewise, this deadline must be met without fail.

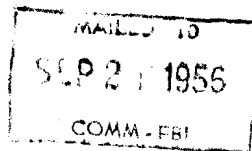
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/12/56

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-0)

SUBJECT: JOHN KASPER
 RACIAL SITUATION - Clinton, Tenn.
 SM - MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 9/11/56 Resident Agent LEO T. CLARK, Atlantic City, N. J., received the following information from JOSEPH BARCO, McKee City, N. J.

BARCO and members of his family read the article in the September 7, 1956, issue of "Life" magazine concerning the racial uprisings in Clinton, Tenn. Included in this article were photographs of JOHN KASPER, with the comment that he came originally from Camden, N. J. This article stated that KASPER had been arrested for contempt of court arising out of his actions in precipitating some of the violence at Clinton and that he professed to be Executive Secretary of the Seaboard District of the White Citizens' Council, Washington, D. C.

Upon reading this article and viewing the photo of KASPER as it appeared therein, BARCO's daughter recognized KASPER as a fellow student of hers at the Parsons Art School, 57th St., New York City. She attended this school within the past few years. She told her father that KASPER, while attending that school, always seemed to be exceptionally friendly with Negroes, went out of his way to associate with them, and lived with one for a time. He was also reported to be a partner in a small establishment on Bleecker St., New York, operated under the name of the "Make-it-New" Book Store.

After reading the "Life" article on KASPER, BARCO's son-in-law telephoned this book store in New York under the pretext of wanting to talk with KASPER. The partner who answered the phone refused to give any information about KASPER or his whereabouts, was quite evasive in his answers, and appeared to be unduly irritated and annoyed at the call.

In giving the above information to SA CLARK, BARCO said that both he and his daughter felt KASPER might be associated in some way with the CP and might even have been sent to Tennessee by the Party to foment trouble there in connection with the racial situation there.

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Files of this office contain no information identifiable with JOHN KASPER.

These facts are being submitted for general information only; no further investigation is contemplated by Newark.

Mr. Williams

September 17, 1956

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SAC, Knoxville

WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, IS - X. Re Birmingham teletype September 14, 1956, in which information was furnished that John Kasper, executive secretary of captioned organization, said he would return to Knoxville on September 23, 1956, to plan for a state organization in Tennessee which will support segregation by force.

Birmingham is instructed to furnish the Bureau, Memphis and Knoxville any additional information received relative to Kasper's plans for such an organization.

Memphis and Knoxville are instructed to alert informants and sources to keep your offices promptly advised of any information received in this regard. Such information should be forwarded to the Bureau immediately upon receipt thereof.

All meetings at which Kasper speaks should be covered by informants and sources preferably those who may be in a position to testify at a later date to statements made by Kasper.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

September 17, 1956

SAC, BALTIMORE (100-20016)

EMPLOYEES OF AMERICAN CAR
AND FOUNDRY, RIVERDALE, MARYLAND
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Chief WILLIAM J. CHATHAM (NA), Salisbury Police Department, Salisbury, Maryland, furnished this office a leaflet captioned "Shouldn't Employers respect Employees?" and signed "Employees of American Car and Foundry, Riverdale, Maryland." Chief CHATHAM advised this leaflet was distributed into various parked cars in the downtown district of Salisbury on July 19, 1956. He was unable to furnish any information regarding who distributed this literature.

It is pointed out that the White Citizens Councils of the District of Columbia have published leaflets bearing the same photograph as that printed on instant leaflet. It is believed probable that there is no formal organization known as the "Employees of American Car and Foundry" and that this name was possibly used by a small group of individuals as a cover name rather than reveal their true identity.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three photostatic copies of the leaflet described herein and a blank memorandum containing pertinent information regarding its distribution and contents.

An informational copy is designated for WFO file on the White Citizens Councils of D. C. in view of similar literature published by that organization. One photostatic copy of the leaflet is enclosed for WFO.

No further action is contemplated by Baltimore UACB.

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

September 18, 1956

Director, FBI

WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS
OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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A confidential source of the Birmingham Office of this Bureau, whose reliability has not yet been established, advised on September 14, 1956, that he attended a rally at the Central Park Theater in Birmingham, Alabama, on the night of September 13, 1956, where John Kasper, executive secretary of the captioned organization, made a speech favoring segregation. There were approximately 400 to 500 persons present. At the end of the speech 15 robed and hooded Ku Klux Klansmen appeared and shook hands with Kasper. Kasper said he was deeply honored by the presence of these men and such groups as the Ku Klux Klan are needed to preserve segregation.

The source advised that Kasper in his speech said "We need all the rabble-rousers we can get" and predicted that someone would be killed before the fight was finished. Kasper further stated "We want trouble and we want it everywhere we can get it. A collapse of law and order is near at hand." Kasper also said the purpose of the white citizens councils "is seizing local control of local affairs and I mean seizing it."

According to the source, Kasper told the crowd to immediately find out the people who favor integration in their community and "take care of them." Kasper further said "We will have to have our martyr and some will have to die before this is over. The Federal Government means death to all of us."

Kasper also attacked Governor Clement of Tennessee, Governor Chandler of Kentucky, and Governor Folsom of Alabama, stating they have shirked their responsibilities to the people.

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YELLOW: Pertinent information set forth above is being furnished intelligence agencies by separate communication.

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William F. Tompkins

This source advised that Kasper is in Alabama as a guest of Asa E. Carter, executive secretary, Alabama Citizens' Councils. Kasper advised the source that he had arranged a series of speeches to assist Carter in making inroads on a rival group, the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, headed by State Senator Sam Engelhardt.

Kasper also told the source he would speak Saturday night, September 15, 1956, at Anniston, Alabama; Sunday afternoon, September 16, 1956, at the ballroom of the Jeff Davis Hotel at Montgomery, Alabama; and at Wetumpka, Alabama, Monday night, September 17, 1956. Kasper said he would return to Knoxville, Tennessee, on September 23, 1956, to plan for a state organization in Tennessee, which will support segregation by force. He said he hopes to turn white citizens councils into "roving bands" ready to proceed to any point in Southern areas where integration is attempted. The purpose of these bands would be to assist those defending segregation.

Kasper also said he planned to organize a citizens council in Montgomery, Alabama, on September 16, 1956, which will be designed to drive the Citizens' Councils of Alabama headed by Sam Engelhardt out of business.

Charles Dionne, manager of the Jeff Davis Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama, advised on September 15, 1956, that Kasper's reservations at that hotel were cancelled after it was learned who Kasper is. No information has been received concerning what plans Kasper made after receiving this cancellation of his reservations.

The same source advised on September 17, 1956, that Kasper on that date was in Birmingham, Alabama, with Asa Carter; that Carter stated he and Kasper went to Anniston, Alabama, on the night of September 15, 1956, where city authorities refused Kasper the use of the auditorium; that Carter stated the city officials at Montgomery, Alabama, refused to allow Kasper to speak on Sunday afternoon, September 16, 1956; and that hotel authorities refused

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Kasper permission to use the ballroom of the Jeff Davis Hotel, which Kasper had previously rented. Carter indicated to the source that he is somewhat discouraged and that he and Kasper planned to speak at the courthouse, Wetumpka, Alabama, at 7:30 p.m. on September 17, 1956.

In connection with the statements made by Kasper there is being furnished you herewith an article which appeared in "The Washington Daily News" in its issue of September 14, 1956.

The Department is requested to advise if the statements of Kasper constitute a violation of any Federal statutes over which this Bureau has jurisdiction.

Enclosure

cc - Assistant Attorney General (W/Enclosure)
Warren Olney III

c - Boardman
Belmont
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 26, 1956

Director, FBI

WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS
OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Reference is made to my previous communications in which you were furnished information concerning the activities of John Kasper, executive secretary of the captioned organization.

For your additional information, Kasper and Asa Carter, executive secretary of the Alabama Citizens' Councils, spoke to a group of approximately 35 to 50 people in Fountain City, a suburb of Knoxville, Tennessee, on September 23, 1956.

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Carter was followed by Kasper, who urged that citizens councils be organized.

An unidentified man claiming to be from Alabama passed through the crowd and handed out the name and telephone number of [redacted] to those in attendance.

John Kasper was arrested September 24, 1956, at approximately 9:00 p.m. at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, by the Sheriff's Office of Anderson County, Tennessee, on state charges of night riding and sedition. This arrest was based on an indictment returned September 24, 1956, by

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the Anderson County Grand Jury. The charges reportedly grew out of actions on the part of Kasper during his recent visit to Clinton, Tennessee, and are separate and distinct from Federal charges made against Kasper for contempt.

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According to this source, Kasper was placed in the county jail at Clinton. A small crowd gathered at the jail and it was rumored that others were attempting to mobilize additional support.

Information received from another source, of unknown reliability, indicated that the sheriff contacted the United States Attorney in Knoxville in an attempt to arrange for the transfer of Kasper from the county jail at Clinton to the Knox County Jail in Knoxville to avoid any possible mob violence.

The same source advised at midnight on September 24, 1956, that Kasper had made bond and the crowd had dispersed.

According to an article which appeared in the September 25, 1956, issue of "The Washington Daily News," Kasper was released under \$2,000 bond.

Any additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished the Department promptly.

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

Letter to The Attorney General

NOTE ON YELLOW

Intelligence agencies being advised by separate communication.

No information which could be identified as pertaining to [redacted] was located in Bufiles. One [redacted] applied for a position as clerk with the Bureau on 2/5/48. At that time the applicant's address was [redacted]. The applicant received an unfavorable recommendation and was not employed. The application revealed [redacted] had graduated from high school and had attended Knoxville Business College. It would appear that he is not identical with [redacted] who, according to newspaper articles, is a contractor in Knoxville.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE September 21, 1956

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

8-26-83 SP7MAC/PMC

SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF
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At approximately 5 p.m., 9/21/56, Mr. Henry Putzel an attorney in the Civil Rights Section, Department of Justice, called me concerning the captioned organization. Mr. Putzel said that "someone" in the General Counsel's Office of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) had advised the Department that John Kasper, executive secretary of the captioned organization, might possibly go to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in the next day or two. The AEC, however, had no specific information that Kasper planned to go to Oak Ridge. Mr. Putzel said that part of Oak Ridge is located in Anderson County, Tennessee, and that Anderson County is covered by the court order which restrains any person from interfering with integration in the public schools. According to Mr. Putzel AEC officials were of the opinion that the court order covered Anderson County and felt that if Kasper stirs up trouble in Oak Ridge, a part of which is located in Anderson County, he would be in violation of the court order.

Mr. Putzel stated that the Department had contacted U. S. Attorney Crawford from Knoxville on the afternoon of 9/21/56 and advised him that Kasper might go to Oak Ridge and told him to be alert to this possibility and also to advise the local office of the FBI concerning this matter. Mr. Putzel stated that he was furnishing this information in order that we would be alert to the possibility that Kasper might go to Oak Ridge. He said he was not requesting any action of the FBI.

I told Mr. Putzel that we are alert to this situation and that the matter of outside agitators coming into the area covered by the court order has already been discussed with the judge; that at the judge's request we will advise the judge of any information coming to our attention regarding the identity of any person who comes into the area for the purpose of stirring up trouble against the court order. Mr. Putzel was advised that if any arrests are to be made of persons violating the court order they will be made by the U. S. Marshal and that the judge and the U. S. Attorney are aware of this.

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cc Mr. Belmont

cc Mr. Baumgardner

cc Mr. Williams

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

Mr. Putzel stated that he was aware of the fact that the U. S. Marshals were to make any arrests and that he was giving us the facts furnished to the Department by the AEC for our information. I thanked Mr. Putzel for his thoughtfulness in bringing this matter to our attention.

ACTION:

There is attached for your approval a teletype to the Knoxville Office alerting them to the information furnished by the Department and instructing that Judge Taylor be informed of Kasper's intended return and also of Kasper's actual return upon his arrival in Knoxville territory. Knoxville is already under instructions to cover any meeting at which Kasper speaks. *not sent*

ADDENDUM: (JAS:jdd, 9-21-56)

Coincident with the above call from the Department, I received a telephone call from SAC Alden concerning this matter. He said he had just been advised by USA Crawford of a call from the Department indicating the possibility that Kasper and possibly Carter might speak in Oak Ridge over the week-end. Alden mentioned that they might be in a portion of Anderson County which would be in violation of Judge Taylor's court order. He asked if the Bureau desired that Special Agents cover any appearance of Kasper in order to serve as witnesses to support any further action by the judge in violation of his court order. I told him that he should not have Agents present for the purpose of serving as witnesses for the enforcement of the court order; that the enforcement of a court order is primarily the responsibility of the Marshals but that he should have informant or source coverage at the meeting. In this connection he advised that he already had arrangements for a former National Academy man who is now in private business to serve as his source of information. He was advised that in the event he got information from his source indicating a violation of the court order Judge Taylor should immediately be advised.

Under the circumstances, the teletype to Knoxville would seem to be unnecessary.

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. IS DASH X.

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GROUP APPROXIMATELY THIRTYFIVE TO FIFTY PEOPLE FOUNTAIN CITY,
SUBURB OUTSIDE KNOXVILLE. CARTER SPOKE STANDING

ON BUMPER AUTOMOBILE PARKED SHOULDER MAIN HIGHWAY THROUGH
FOUNTAIN CITY ADJACENT FOUNTAIN CITY PARK. NEWS PAPER REPORTS
INDICATED SPEECH FOUNTAIN CITY BY CARTER NOT TO BE HELD SINCE USE
FT. CITY PARK DENIED. [REDACTED] REPORTED LOCAL SPONSOR,
ADVISED CARTER DID NOT WISH MAKE SPEECH WHERE NOT WANTED. CARTER
SPOKE APPROXIMATELY TWELVE MINUTES. MAIN THEME WHITE CITIZENS KX
SHOULD ORGANIZE COUNCILS AND CALL [REDACTED] FOR THIS

PURPOSE. CARTER ATTACKED FRANKFURTER, COMMUNISM AND BOTH POLITICAL
PARTIES. STATED CITIZENS SHOULD NOT BE COWARDS BUT ORGANIZE
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AUTOMOBILE. KASPER LIKENED THE REFUSAL OF PLACES

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Mr. Belmont

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FOR HIM TO SPEAK DURING THE PAST WEEK TO METHODS EMPLOYED IN
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CITIZENS COUNCIL, THAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING
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PHOTOGRAPHERS, REPORTERS PRESENT. KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF PERSONALLY
ATTENDED MEETING. MAN CLAIMING FROM ALABAMA PASSED THROUGH
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CC: MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR *Mr. Williams*
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

cc - Liaison Section
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Date: September 26, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS
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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

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September 25, 1950, issue of "The Washington Daily News,"
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relative to this matter will be furnished you promptly.

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

cc - Director of Special Investigations BY COURIER SERVICE
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC WFO URGENT

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, IS - X. JOHN KASPER
ARRESTED SEPT. TWENTYFOUR, FIFTYSIX, APPROXIMATELY NINE PM AT OAK RIDGE,
TENN., BY SO, ANDERSON COUNTY. REPORTEDLY ARRESTED ON STATE CHARGES OF
NIGHT RIDING AND SEDITION, BASED ON INDICTMENT RETURNED SEPT. TWENTYFOUR
BY ANDERSON COUNTY GRAND JURY. THESE CHARGES REPORTEDLY GREW OUT OF
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ARE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM PRESENT FEDERAL CHARGES. CONFIDENTIAL
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CLEMENT WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK. IT WAS REPORTED GOV. CLEMENT DID NOT
APPEAR. SOURCE STATES THAT IT WAS INTENTION OF KASPER AND HIS GROUP TO
QUOTE BOO UNQUOTE THE SPEAKERS AT THE RALLY. THE ARREST BY SO, ANDERSON
COUNTY, TOOK PLACE AT OAK RIDGE AT THIS RALLY. SOURCE STATES KASPER IN
COUNTY JAIL, CLINTON, TENN., AT PRESENT TIME AND SOME OF HIS SUPPORTERS
ENDEAVORING TO CONTACT AUTHORITIES TO MAKE BOND FOR KASPER. SOURCE
REPORTS THAT THERE IS SMALL CROWD GATHERED AT JAIL AND RUMORED OTHER
SUPPORTERS GONE OUT IN COUNTY TO MOBILIZE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. ONE SOURCE

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U.S. ATTORNEY, KNOXVILLE

STATES THAT SHERIFF IS CONTACTING USA, KX, TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE TRANSFER OF KASPER FROM CLINTON TO KNOX COUNTY JAIL, KNOXVILLE, TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MOB VIOLENCE. SAME SOURCE ADVISED AT MIDNIGHT, SEPT. TWENTYFOUR, THAT KASPER HAS MADE BOND AND CROWD HAS DISPERSED. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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| REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C. | DATE WHEN MADE SEP 28 1956 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/4-7, 10-14, 17-21, 24/56 | REPORT MADE BY RICHARD B. LAVIN krp |
| TITLE WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, aka. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, JR., aka JOHN KASPER, Executive Secretary of White Citizens' Councils (WCC), Washington, D. C., has received nationwide publicity due to his activities at Clinton, Tenn. Life Magazine 9/10/56 issue sums up activities of KASPER as follows: "Last week 12 negroes enrolled peacefully in Clinton High School, Tennessee's first state-supported school to be integrated by court order. But a stranger, JOHN KASPER, a Yankee from New Jersey, interfered. Scoffing at both school officials and police, KASPER spread anti-negro literature, drummed up a march on the school, harangued the town and organized white pickets. Fights broke out, the negro students were jeered and stoned. Ignoring a judge's restraining order, KASPER drew a year's sentence for contempt, but the damage was already done. Negroes had to attend class under armed escort and unrest continued in Clinton." United Press article reflects KASPER made a speech in Birmingham, Ala., 9/13/56 that true segregationists "want trouble" and some must be willing to die for their cause. KASPER stated purpose of the Councils "is seizing local control of local affairs — and I mean seizing it." In KASPER's absence from Washington, D. C., FRED P. HOCKETT and [redacted] associates of KASPER, held WCC rally 9/3/56, Constitution Ave., Washington D. C. Newspaper articles reflect HOCKETT and [redacted] disagree as to leadership of WCC in</p> <p>100-423395-199 COPIES DESTROYED 2 OCT 28 1963</p> <p>AGENCY RAB, 6-2, ONEAST, Sent Since REQ. REC'D DATE FORW. 10-1-56 HOW FORW. R/S BY C. E. W. - el</p> <p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>100-423395-199 20 OCT 1 1956 RECORDED-89 INDEXED-89</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT 8 - Bureau (100-423395) 1 - USA, Washington, D. C. 1 - ONI, PRNC (RM) 1 - G-2, Military District of Washington (RM) 3 - Washington Field (100-33226) (Additional copies see 1a)</p> | | | |

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KASPER's absence. WCC has opened office at 3204 M Street, N. W., according to neighbor and sign on door of building. Information developed that negative for offset printing done by WCC was ordered from Lithographic Photo Service, Inc., 3227 M Street, N. W. Background information re KASPER set forth. Background information re [redacted] set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF JOHN KASPER.

JOHN KASPER, Executive Secretary of the White Citizens' Councils (WCC), Washington, D. C., has received nationwide publicity due to his activities at Clinton, Tennessee. The following is a chronological tabulation of newspaper articles concerning KASPER.

Washington Post and Times Herald
August 27, 1956, Page 23, Column 8

"Tennessee Jails Segregationist From District"

This article sets forth that JOHN KASPER, Executive Secretary of the Seaboard White Citizen's Council of Washington, D. C., was jailed on August 26, 1956, at Clinton, Tennessee on charges of "inciting a riot" by encouraging picketing at a high school scheduled to integrate white and negro students.

Washington Post and Times Herald
August 29, 1956, Page 21, Column 4

"KASPER Freed in School Case"

This article sets forth that JOHN KASPER was cleared on August 28, 1956, at Clinton, Tennessee, on charges of trying to stir up a protest against integration at Clinton High School. KASPER announced immediately that he would continue his efforts to keep negroes out of Clinton High.

Washington Post and Times Herald
August 30, 1956, Page 17

"Integration of State Aid High School Results in Clash in Clinton, Tenn."

This article sets forth that violence over the integration of Clinton High School, Clinton, Tennessee, flared on August 29, 1956. The Principal of the school, D. J. BRITTAIN, JR., advised the press that he had received an

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ultimatum from JOHN KASPER that he either oust the negroes from the school or resign.

The article also sets forth that United States District Judge ROBERT L. TAYLOR in Knoxville, Tennessee, issued a temporary injunction on August 29, 1956, against KASPER and several other white supremacy demonstrators.

Washington Daily News
August 30, 1956, Page 9, Column 1

"KASPER Ignores U. S. Restraining Order"

This article sets forth that police at Clinton, Tennessee, served a federal restraining order on August 29, 1956, to JOHN KASPER of Washington, D. C., in the middle of a speech to some one thousand cheering segregationists. The article sets forth that JOHN KASPER ignored the order and continued speaking. The crowd howled shouts of "kill them" at the police officers who served the order on KASPER.

Sheriff JOE K. OWENS is quoted as stating that KASPER "has got them stirred up to a high pitch."

The Washington Post and Times Herald
August 31, 1956, Page 29, Columns 1, 2, and 3

"Mob Violence Erupts Again in Tennessee School Integration"

This article dated Clinton, Tennessee, on August 30, 1956, sets forth that racial tension over integration at Clinton High School flared into violence for the second successive day.

"In Knoxville meanwhile," the article continues, "JOHN KASPER, accused of stirring up much of the trouble here, was arrested on a Writ of Attachment by Federal Judge ROBERT L. TAYLOR. KASPER was placed in custody of the United States Marshal and was jailed in default of \$10,000 bail."

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Washington Daily News
August 31, 1956, Page 9, Column 1

"KASPER Blamed in Clinton Row"

This article sets forth that authorities at Clinton, Tennessee, on August 31, 1956, believed that a ruling on a contempt charge against JOHN KASPER, segregationist leader, would decide the fate of an attempt to integrate the Clinton High School. The article set forth that police for the fifth day escorted twelve negroes to and from classes.

Washington Evening Star
September 1, 1956, Page 1, Columns 6 and 7

"Town Plans 'Home Guard' After Integration Rioting"

This article relates that Clinton, Tennessee, officials on September 1, 1956, plan the organization of a "home guard" unit after "an unruly mob fired up by an outside segregationist held the town in a reign of terror for several hours last night" (August 30, 1956). The article also relates that JOHN KASPER was sentenced to one year in prison yesterday (August 30, 1956) at Knoxville, Tennessee, after United States District Judge ROBERT TAYLOR found him guilty of violating a restraining order which the court issued "Wednesday" (August 29, 1956).

Washington Evening Star
September 3, 1956, Page 1, Column 1

"Clinton Quiet After Bayonets Awe New Mob"

According to the article, "Tennessee Militia Men with fixed bayonets overrode a new mob loaded with teenagers late last night (September 2, 1956) dissolving threats of renewed anti-integration riots."

Washington Post and Times Herald
September 3, 1956, Page 1, Column 7

"Troops Ready to Clash with Clinton Mob"

This article sets forth that National Guardsmen on September 2, 1956, "pushed back a restive crows of some

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six hundred anti-negro demonstrators at gun point as tempers hit a white hot pitch in this riot torn town" (Clinton, Tennessee).

Washington Post and Times Herald
September 6, 1956, Page 25, Columns 2 and 3

"KASPER Gets Hearing in Tenn. Jail Sentence"

This article date lined September 5, 1956, at Knoxville, Tennessee, sets forth that JOHN KASPER of Washington, D. C., "whose fiery segregation harangues were blamed for contributing to Tennessee mob disturbances, will appear in United States District Court on September 6, 1956, seeking release from jail."

Sheriff JOE OWENS, Anderson County, Tennessee, is quoted in the article as stating that "everything had been quiet until he (KASPER) arrived."

This article sets forth that KASPER was addressing a cheering and shouting crowd August 29, 1956, when United States Marshals called him aside and served a restraining order on him. According to the article, KASPER told the crowd "An injunction has been served on me...We have almost carried this fight to victory...You know how it is done, even if I am not here with you."

At his trial KASPER stated that he did not willfully violate the court order and that it was not read to him and that he considered it merely a summons to appear in court. However, United States Marshal FRANK QUARELS testified he read the order "word for word" and gave KASPER a copy.

Washington Post and Times Herald
September 7, 1956, Page 14, Column 4

"Bail Right is Granted to KASPER"

This article date lined Knoxville, Tennessee, September 6, 1956, sets forth that JOHN KASPER, who is under a one year prison sentence on a contempt of court injunction on September 6, 1956, was granted privilege to make bail. United States District Judge ROBERT L.

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TAYLOR set the bail at \$10,000 and denied motions for a new trial. Judge TAYLOR also made permanent an injunction against KASPER and others prohibiting them from interfering with racial integration at Clinton High (Clinton, Tennessee).

Washington Post and Times Herald
September 9, 1956, Page A-19, Columns 6 and 7

"KASPER to stay in Tennessee and Peddle Integration"

This article sets forth that JOHN KASPER "took his seat on the powder keg of southern racial tensions when he announced that he will set up headquarters in Tennessee."

KASPER in an interview on September 7, 1956, told the press, "I plan to stay within the Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia area for the time being."

Washington Evening Star
September 11, 1956

"KASPER to Address Alabama Rallies"

This article date lined at Birmingham, Alabama, September 11, 1956, sets forth that KASPER came to Alabama on September 10, 1956, for a series of appearances. KASPER also stated that he plans to return to Tennessee and conduct an organizational campaign through that state when he leaves Alabama.

Life Magazine
September 10, 1956, issue, Page 46

"Trouble Maker for a School"

This article sums up the activities of KASPER as follows:

"Last week 12 negroes enrolled peacefully in Clinton High School, Tennessee's first state-supported school to be integrated by court order. But a stranger, JOHN KASPER, a Yankee from New Jersey, interfered. Scoffing at both school officials and police, KASPER spread anti-negro literature, drummed up a march on the school, harangued

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the town and organized white pickets. Fights broke out, the negro students were jeered and stoned. Ignoring a judge's restraining order, KASPER drew a year's sentence for contempt, but the damage was already done. Negroes had to attend class under armed escort and unrest continued in Clinton."

Washington Daily News
September 14, 1956, Page 4, Columns 1, 2, and 3

"KASPER Asks 'Rabble-Rousers' to 'Die' for Segregation Cause"

This article dated Birmingham, Alabama, September 14, 1956, by the United Press sets forth that KASPER told a huge rally on September 13, 1956, that true segregationists "want trouble" and some must be willing to die for their cause. The article continues that KASPER addressed "five hundred White Citizens' Council members" including fifteen who showed up wearing the full regalia of the Ku Klux Klan for the occasion.

KASPER is quoted as saying that he was "deeply honored" by the Klansmen. "Such groups as the Klan are needed to preserve segregation in the south," KASPER stated.

KASPER is also quoted as stating, "We need all the rabble-rousers we can get." "We want trouble and we want it everywhere we can get it — a collapse of law and order is near at hand."

KASPER said the purpose of the Councils "is seizing local control of local affairs — and I mean seizing it."

KASPER is also quoted as saying, "We will have to have our martyr and some will have to die before this is over" because "the Federal Government means death to all of us."

It is to be noted that the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

2. ACTIVITIES OF WCC IN THE WASHINGTON, D. C., AREA

Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 29, 1956, that on the evening of JOHN KASPER's arrest August 26, 1956, KASPER attempted to call [redacted] and BENJAMIN SIMMONS, a local District of Columbia attorney, but was unsuccessful. T-1 advised that KASPER had mentioned to him before he left that he was going to Charlottesville, Virginia, then to Clinton, Tennessee, and later to Birmingham, Alabama. KASPER related to T-1 he tentatively planned to return to Washington possibly over the Labor Day week end and hoped to be accompanied by ASA "ACE" CARTER, an official of the Alabama Citizen's Council. According to T-1, while CARTER is in the D. C. area KASPER mentioned that the WCC may hold meetings in Washington, D. C., Falls Church, Virginia, and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. b6 b7C

T-1 has previously furnished information that [redacted] is a partner of JOHN KASPER in the operation of the Cadmus Book Store, 1246 Wisconsin Avenue N. W. T-1 has previously furnished information that [redacted] is the Chairman of the Southeast Council, WCC.

Newspaper articles reflect that BENJAMIN SIMMONS, an Attorney, represented KASPER in Tennessee.

Confidential Informant T-2, who is in a position to furnish correct information, advised on July 10, 1956, that ASA E. (ACE) CARTER is the Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizen's Council and a strong advocate of segregation of the races. Informant advised that the Alabama Citizen's Council has headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama, and supports the existing pattern of segregation in Alabama.

T-1 advised also on August 29, 1956, that he had ascertained from [redacted] that KASPER was expected back in Washington, D. C., on Labor Day week end (August 31, 1956). [redacted] mentioned to T-1 that she had had some WCC literature printed and wanted T-1 to assist in its

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distribution prior to the arrival of KASPER and ACE CARTER in an effort to get additional people to attend WCC meetings over that week end.

Captain M. H. LEACH, Acting Chief, United States Park Police, Washington, D. C., advised SA GRANT E. NANNA on August 31, 1956, that a [redacted]

[redacted] representing the White Citizens' Councils, contacted the Park Police for a permit to hold a meeting on the Mall, September 3, 1956, at 2:00 pm. The permit was refused. [redacted] stated that the WCC would come down and hold the meeting anyway.

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[redacted] advised that the park area south of Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets, N. W., may be used for a meeting place without the necessity of having a permit and that [redacted] was so informed.

T-1 advised on August 31, 1956, that [redacted] had mentioned that [redacted] and other WCC members in the D. C. area planned to go to Charlottesville, Virginia, on September 1, 1956, to distribute WCC literature. [redacted] stated that they were to be met there by KASPER and CARTER on Sunday, September 2, 1956, for a WCC meeting at 2:00 pm, which meeting was to be held at McIntire Field, Charlottesville, Virginia. //

[redacted] also indicated to T-1 that the WCC may possibly go to an unknown location near Marlboro, Maryland, on September 3, 1956, for possible distribution of literature or a meeting.

A pretext telephone call to an unidentified woman at the Cadmus Book Shop on August 31, 1956, disclosed that the WCC planned to hold meetings at Charlottesville, Virginia, on September 2, 1956; at Washington, D. C., on September 3, 1956, and at Weysons Hall, Weysons Corner, Marlboro, Maryland, on September 4, 1956. It was ascertained that the Washington meeting was to be held on Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets, N. W. It was also ascertained that JOHN KASPER and "ACE" CARTER were scheduled to address the above three meetings.

The Washington Daily News, September 4, 1956, Page 3, Columns 2 and 3, carried an article entitled

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"Racists 'rally' here Fails to Get a Crowd." This article sets forth that [redacted] Secretary to JOHN KASPER and FREDERICK HOCKETT, 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E., conducted a meeting of the WCC on September 3, 1956, on Constitution Avenue, N. W. [redacted] is quoted as saying that "JOHN KASPER was going to speak and then they threw him in jail." She is also quoted as saying "ACE CARTER was going to speak too but he had to go back to Alabama because they are going to try to integrate schools there tomorrow and he's not going to allow it."

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The Washington Post and Times Herald, September 4, 1956, Page 10, Columns 5 and 6, carried an article "Pro-Segregation Rally Draws Few in District." This article sets forth that a pro-segregationist rally at Constitution Avenue and 9th Street, N. W., on September 3, 1956, drew fewer than fifty persons and more than half of these were policemen on duty, reporters, and photographers and curious passers-by. Before the meeting got underway [redacted] told reporters that she was the only person authorized to speak for the Council in JOHN KASPER's absence. The article sets forth that FRED HOCKETT who said he was Chairman of the Northeast Council (WCC) indicated he did not recognize the leadership of [redacted] although he would "back KASPER down the line."

T-1 advised on September 20, 1956, that with JOHN KASPER away from Washington, the WCC was without leadership and that he knew of no future plans for the WCC. Informant advised that on approximately September 6, 1956, he received a call from [redacted] who wanted informant to go to a small town near Bluefield, West Virginia, to distribute literature.

JOHN FREDERICK, 614 Lamarre Drive, Warren Woods, Fairfax, Virginia, on August 29, 1956, advised SA DAVID P. HURLEY that on Saturday evening, August 25, 1956, between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 pm, someone whom he did not see left three pieces of literature at his door. This literature consisted of a membership application for the White Citizen's Council of Fairfax, Virginia; a leaflet captioned "White Citizens' Councils, What Are They," and the October 15, 1955, issue of a newspaper captioned "Common Sense."

FREDERICK advised that inquiry in the neighborhood disclosed that approximately four or five other families received the same type of literature during Saturday evening but that there appeared to be no specific pattern as to which homes were given this literature. From what FREDERICK was able to learn, the only person who observed the distributor of the literature was a Mrs. LARRY FRAZIER, whose address he was unable to recall. FREDERICK stated that Mrs. FRAZIER advised him that she could only describe the individual as a white man, middle aged, who appeared to be drunk.

3. WCC OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

ARTHUR P. WILLIAMS, JR., 3204 M Street, N. W., advised SA FRANCIS B. McGIVERN on September 18, 1956, that he occupies an apartment on the third floor of this building. WILLIAMS informed that recently the Seaboard White Citizens' Councils have opened an office on the second floor of this building and are operating a printing press in the building. WILLIAMS advised that from his observance of those persons who have been coming into the office of the organization, he would characterize them as "poor white trash."

WILLIAMS was contacted again on September 21, 1956, by SA RICHARD B. LAVIN and he advised at that time that the only one that he has spoken to in connection with this office is a FRED HOCKETT. WILLIAMS stated that he held a conversation with HOCKETT wherein HOCKETT advised him that JOHN KASPER was sponsoring the office.

Miss EMMA STEVENS, Argo Express Company, 1220 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W., advised on September 21, 1956, that the hall on the second floor of 3204 M Street, N. W., was rented by her to FRED P. HOCKETT on September 12, 1956. Miss STEVENS advised that HOCKETT signed a one year lease for a monthly rental of \$50.00 a month. The lease stipulates that the hall is to be used for social gatherings. Miss STEVENS stated that the rent was paid for the month of October in cash by HOCKETT.

On September 21, 1956, it was observed that the street entrance door of 3204 M Street, N. W., has printed thereon Seaboard White Citizens' Councils.

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4. INFORMATION CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF WCC LITERATURE

On August 29, 1956, SEAVY WATSON, 1334 Savannah Street, S. E., Washington, D. C., advised SAs HURLEY and JAMES H. DOWNING that on August 27, 1956, he went to the Cadmus Book Shop, 1246 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., to do some printing which [] had previously requested him to do. When he arrived he found that [] did not have the necessary negatives which he needed to make the offset print. At approximately 6:00 pm [] left the Cadmus Book Store returning in about fifteen minutes with the necessary negatives. WATSON stated that neither JOHN KASPER nor [] have ever indicated to him where their photographic work is done. WATSON advised that the Lithographic Photo Service, Inc., 3227 M Street, N. W., is located just around the corner from the Cadmus Book Store and that this establishment has the necessary equipment to do photographic work which is required prior to his doing the printing at the Book Shop.

WATSON stated that on August 27, 1956, at the direction of [] he printed one thousand membership applications for the White Citizen's Council of Fairfax, Virginia, and one thousand membership applications for the White Citizen's Council of Culpeper, Virginia. WATSON advised that he was paid at the rate of \$2.50 per hour for the above work and that he was given a check drawn on the account of the Cadmus Book Shop at the National Bank of Washington.

Mr. MARTIN BACHER, Manager of the Lithographic Photo Service, Inc., 3227 M Street, N. W., advised SA LAVIN on September 18, 1956, that his company has done some work for the Cadmus Book Shop and []. He stated that after producing lithographic negatives on a few occasions for [] he noticed that the material being reproduced concerned negroes and due to the fact that he has negroes working for him in his shop he informed [] that he did not wish to reproduce any more material in order not to offend his workmen.

Mr. BACHER produced the accounts for the work that he has done for the Cadmus Book Store and they are set out in table form below:

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| <u>Order Number</u> | <u>Date of Job</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>Material</u> | <u>Material Received By</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 68896 | February 15, 1956 | \$15.56 | Card and book | JOHN KASPER |
| 68915 | February 16, 1956 | 2.30 | No explanation | JOHN KASPER |
| 69329 | February 28, 1956 | 47.94 | EZRA POUND | JOHN KASPER |
| 69499 | March 2, 1956 | 6.80 | Alaska Bill | JOHN KASPER |
| 69662 | March 7, 1956 | 1.66 | Petition to Congress | Unknown |
| 71061 | April 18, 1956 | 2.86 | NAACP | |
| 71062 | April 18, 1956 | 3.83 | Hear JOHN CROMMELIN | |
| 72415 | May 21, 1956 | 6.12 | A reprint | Unknown |
| 72416 | May 21, 1956 | 7.81 | Applications | Unknown |
| 73153 | June 12, 1956 | 3.50 | The Southerner | JOHN KASPER |
| 74514 | July 18, 1956 | 45.85 | Virginians on Guard | See explanation below |
| 74628 | July 24, 1956 | 10.20 | Newspaper clippings | |
| 74854 | July 31, 1956 | 3.52 | Membership application | |
| 74937 | August 1, 1956 | 4.69 | Membership application | |
| 74953 | August 1, 1956 | 2.86 | Membership application | |
| 75142 | August 7, 1956 | 5.60 | Unknown | Unknown |

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Concerning number 74514, Virginians on Guard, according to Mr. BACHER's record, this photographing job consisted of the following pieces of paper:

1 5" x 8"
24 8½" x 11"
2 10" x 12"
1 12" x 18"
1 10" x 12"
3 8½" x 11"
2 8" x 10".

Mr. BACHER stated that usually when a person picks up a job that person must sign a receipt for the material; however, in some cases this is not done and this happens to be one of them. Mr. BACHER produced a bank deposit slip showing a deposit in the American Security and Trust Company dated July 23, 1956, which reflects thereon a check for \$45.85 with the notation "Cadmus [redacted] which BACHER states was received from NORA [redacted] for the printing of this order, "Virginians on Guard." Mr. BACHER also explained that he does not keep any material that is turned into him for reproduction and that the negative and the original are returned to the customer.

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5. BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING JOHN KASPER

The files of Confidential Informant T-3, another government agency, were checked on September 5, 1956, and these files did not reflect that JOHN KASPER ever registered for Selective Service in Washington, D. C.

The files of Confidential Informant T-4, another government agency, were checked on September 5, 1956, and these files did not reflect that JOHN KASPER ever registered for Selective Service in Yankton County, South Dakota.

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Mrs. E. B. OREM, Merchant Vessel Records and Welfare Section, United States Coast Guard, on September 18, 1956, made available to SA LAVIN Merchant Marine papers on FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, JR., born October 21, 1929, at Camden, New Jersey. This file indicates that Certificate of Identification Number Z870398 was issued to KASPER on June 13, 1947.

An application for Seaman Certificate dated June 13, 1947, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, reflects the following information:

Home address, 6725 Harvey Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey. ROSE KASPER is listed as next of kin, mother. This application also indicates that a birth certificate from the Camden, New Jersey, Registrar of Vital Statistics had been seen.

The file contains an application from KASPER dated March 10, 1952, for duplicate seaman's papers due to loss of his original papers. This request sets forth, "In December of 1951 while walking in the vicinity of 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, I was attacked and as a result I lost my seaman's documents along with other valuables." When writing to the Coast Guard on December 24, 1951, concerning the loss of these papers, he gave as his address Box 552, GPO, New York 1, New York.

This file contains a record of two voyages. The first of these voyages was made from June 18, 1947, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to July 3, 1947, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, aboard the SS Fort Winnebago as a Galley Man. This voyage was a coastwise voyage. The second voyage was made from July 17, 1947, Norfolk, Virginia, to September 1, 1947, Norfolk, Virginia, aboard the SS Robert Stuart. This voyage was a foreign voyage. His Social Security Number is listed as 153-20-0077.

A check of the Central Driver File, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., on September 19, 1956, reflects that permit number 970447 was issued to FREDERICK J. KASPER, JR., 3206 Volta Place, N. W., which permit expires October 27, 1958. No violations were listed.

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The following identification record has been received from the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under Federal Bureau of Investigation Number 340297C:

| <u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u> | <u>Name and Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| PD, Sioux Falls, S. D. | JOHN KASPER | July 21, 1948 | Sleeper | Released |
| US CG | FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, JR. Z870398 | March 10, 1952 | | |

Description:

Sex: Male
Race: Caucasian
Date of Birth: October 21, 1929
Place of Birth: Camden, New Jersey
Citizenship: USA
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Green
Complexion: Medium
Build: Tall
Scars and Marks: Left handed.

6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] WITH ALIAS [REDACTED]

During a physical surveillance by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of JOHN KASPER on August 9, 1956, it was observed that he was driving a 1953 Plymouth with D. C. license tag AX5927.

Mr. EDWARD J. ROGERS, Clerk, District of Columbia Department of Vehicles and Traffic, made available on September 19, 1956, his file on D. C. license tag number AX5927. This file contains an application for a certificate of title to a motor vehicle filed July 20, 1956, by [REDACTED] which sets forth that she was born [REDACTED] (no place shown). This application indicates that she has an operator's license from the State of West Virginia, number 379806. Her address is given as [REDACTED] N. W., Washington, D. C.

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The application sets forth that she acquired the car from W. R. Keesee Auto, Bluefield, West Virginia. On this application she signed her name as [REDACTED]

This file contains a certificate of title from the State of West Virginia, number 818454, for a 1953 Plymouth. Serial Number 13288733, issued to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Bluefield, West Virginia.

A check of the Central Driver File, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., on September 19, 1956 reflects that permit number 991961 was issued to [REDACTED] which expires July 18, 1959. On this permit is carried the following description:

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| Born: | [REDACTED] |
| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Female |
| Height: | 5' 7" |
| Weight: | 135 pounds |
| Hair: | Blonde |
| Eyes: | Blue |
| Violations: | None recorded. |

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A Grand Jury hearing had been scheduled concerning the White Citizens' Councils in Washington, D. C., on 9/11/56; however, this Grand Jury hearing has been postponed indefinitely due to the one year sentence received by JOHN KASPER in Knoxville, Tennessee.

For information of all offices covering leads, it is to be noted that New York in a report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN, 8/22/56, entitled White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia, IS - X, sets forth information that KASPER formerly ran a book store in New York (1954) which was labeled as a hang out for queer characters, mostly young college people who were so called "liberals." Information was developed that this book shop was frequented by negroes and Chinese homosexuals. According to the report, KASPER had no day time employment but had a steady income from numerous married women whom he "accommodated" sexually during the day. Information was also developed that KASPER's girl friend while operating the book store was a young negress, [REDACTED]

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A fisur conducted by WFO, 8/9/56, reflected KASPER on that night visited various bars in Washington, D. C., after which in the early morning hours he attempted to engage a white woman in conversation on the street. He later accompanied a negro woman into an alley at 3:45 am and remained in the alley with her for 21 minutes. He also stopped another negro woman in the street asking her where he could locate an open bar and girls. All offices should be alert to obtain any further information concerning KASPER's conduct.

Pretext telephone call to Cadmus Book Store was made by SA DAVID P. HURLEY 8/31/56 using pretext of interest in WCC.

Fisur conducted by Special Agents of WFO on 8/9/56 is contained in 100-33226 Sub B-2.

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| T-1: [redacted] | KASPER attempted contact of [redacted] | 8/29/56 | JAMES H. DOWNING (Oral) | 100-33226-142 |
| | [redacted] printing WCC literature. | 8/29/56 | " | 100-33226-147 b6 b7C |
| (PSI) | [redacted] Charlottesville trip, 9/1/56 | 8/31/56 | " | 100-33226-157 b7D |
| | WCC leadership | 9/20/56 | " | Instant report |
| | Characterization of [redacted] | | | |
| T-2: [redacted] | Characterization of ASA E. (ACE) CARTER. | | | b7D |
| T-3: Selective Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C. | KASPER not registered | 9/5/56 | RICHARD B. LAVIN | Instant report |
| T-4: Selective Service, Local Board 11, Yankton, S. D. | KASPER not registered | 9/5/56 | REEL ADAM BOYD | Instant report |

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

LEADS

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

Report of ROY L. TUSSEY, SA, 8/23/56, Philadelphia, Pa., entitled White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia, aka., IS - X, sets forth that FRED JOHN KASPER, JR., attended Riverside Military Academy located Gainesville, Georgia, 1944-45.

Will contact school officials for comments concerning KASPER while in attendance at that school.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

1. Will check the draft status of FREDERICK JOHN KASPER at appropriate local draft boards.
2. Will conduct credit and criminal checks on the new name [REDACTED]

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NEWARK DIVISION

AT MERCHANTVILLE, NEW JERSEY

1. Will check draft status of FREDERICK JOHN KASPER at appropriate local draft boards.
2. Will conduct discreet inquiry concerning KASPER including credit and criminal checks.

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

1. Will check draft status of FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, wa., JOHN KASPER, at appropriate local draft boards.
2. Will conduct discreet inquiries concerning KASPER from school officials at Temple University High School.

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

1. Will conduct credit and criminal checks concerning [REDACTED] wa.,
[REDACTED]
2. Will conduct discreet inquiries concerning her background from reliable sources.

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BALTIMORE DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to this office inasmuch as the activities of the WCC overflow into the territory covered by this division.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

Two copies of this report are being sent to Birmingham for information inasmuch as that office may desire to disseminate to the local United States Attorney.

KNOXVILLE DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

Two copies of this report are being sent to Knoxville for information inasmuch as that office may desire to disseminate to the local United States Attorney.

MOBILE DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to this office for information due to the activity of WCC in that area.

RICHMOND DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will continue to follow the activities of the WCC in the Washington, D. C., area.

REFERENCE: Report of SA RICHARD B. LAVIN dated August 27, 1956, at Washington, D. C.

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